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END TO LAND CASES

Bristol Is to Be Dropped by the Next Legislature

HENEY NO MORE IN OREGON

A Hundred Defendants Who Are Still Untried Will Never Be Brought to Trial.

Prosecution of the Oregon land frauds is at an end, says the Portland Journal. With over 30 indictments still pending and over 100 defendants still untied, the government has tacitly called off the dogs of war. Francis J. Heney, the most redoubtable prosecutor who ever came to Oregon, and William J. Burns, the famous sleuth, will come to more to this state to carry terror into the hearts of violators of the land laws.

United States District Attorney William C. Bristol, upon whose shoulders the mantle of Heney was to fall in the further conduct of the prosecutions, is slated for removal from office and his political foes are already eagerly debating the choice of a successor.

No incumbent of the office has ever worked harder or more zealously than Bristol, but when congress convenes next December he will be without a friend in the Oregon delegation to urge his continuance in office and there is the strongest reason to believe that President Roosevelt will not even send in his name to the senate for reappointment.

When Bristol was placed in office it was with the distinct understanding that he would continue to hold it until the land fraud prosecutions had been disposed of in the trial courts and to this plan President Roosevelt was supposed to be definitely committed. But powerful political influences have been at work ever since Bristol's appointment, with the twofold object of ousting him from office and preventing the resumption by Heney of the prosecutions. With the presidential campaign close at hand, it is believed that Roosevelt has abandoned Bristol to his fate.

The bitter feud which existed between the president and Senator Fulton virtually at an end and amicable relations have been reestablished. Fulton has been after Bristol's scalp for more than a year and he is now actively aided by Bourne, who expects to name the next appointee to the office. And Roosevelt is expected to acquiesce in Bourne's choice.

It was not easy to jar loose the bulldog grip of Frank Heney, but this, too, has at last been accomplished. It is a year since he tried the Blue Mountain case, the last of the land fraud prosecutions in Oregon to be brought to trial, and ever since that time rumors have been current from time to time that he was soon to return and resume the work of sending offenders against the land laws to the penitentiary. But the months have slipped away and still he did not come.

The explanation has at last come to light. Though willing and anxious to resume the prosecutions, Heney found himself suddenly stripped of the means to carry on the fight. From Washington came the significant information that the department of justice had no funds with which to carry on the trials. Then Heney found that his own charges for the services already rendered in past land fraud cases had been hung up indefinitely. If he resumed the prosecutions, it would be with the strong probability that he would not receive a cent for his services and might even find himself without the aid of the secret service men and land agents who have played so large a part in procuring the evidence in past cases.

In a word, the munitions of war had been withdrawn. Inspector T. B. Neuhansen, formerly assigned to the duty of aiding Heney and Bristol in the prosecution of the land frauds, has been instructed to confine himself to the ordinary duties of his position. He no longer occupies offices with District Attorney Bristol, his headquarters having been removed to the custom house building, and his corps of special agents now devote their attention solely to the routine examination of everyday land office business.

Much of the evidence upon which pending indictments were based has been scattered to the four winds of heaven. Some of it is in the possession of Neuhansen, some is in the hands of Heney and Burns or Irvin Rittenhouse, some of it is held by Bristol. But scores of witnesses whose testimony would be essential have scattered to other states and the task of

bringing them back would be an enormous one.

Among the more noted of the men who were indicted by Heney are ex-Congressman Binger Hermann, accused of complicity in the Blue Mountain frauds; R. A. Booth, formerly president of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, and John Hall, former United States District Attorney. There are many more of lesser note, but there is no likelihood that any of them will ever be called upon to face trial.

If the improbable should happen, and they should be brought into court to meet the charges of the indictments, it will be by some new prosecutor who knows not the ways of Heney and Bristol and who will have to find out for himself on what evidence the indictments were based.

"Swap" Them to Wood.

Jim Bryan undoubtedly lives on one of the most productive farms on earth. His wheat is always the best, his garden truck can't be excelled and his hens lay more eggs than anybody's—in fact, productiveness abounds in huge clusters out there. It is so allured pronounced that it has attracted Carl Charlton and Will Tyack, a couple of Bryan's farm hands. They have a herd of greyhound pups. The boys have gone broke buying meat for their carnivorous canines and they want to unload. The Press suggests that they "swap" the pups to Col. Wood for onions. A greyhound will masticate anything from a flea to a maverick bullock, and in view of the fact that the car shortage still exists, here is an opportunity for the colonel to get rid of his crop to the mutual advantage of all concerned.

BOYS TAKE OUTING

Company A, United Boys Brigade of America in Military Camp on Umatilla River.

Under escort of its commander, V. E. Hoven, Company A, of the local post of United Boys' Brigade of America, composed of fifteen members left Athena Wednesday morning for the Umatilla river at Thorn Hollow crossing, where a military camp was established.

The company's roster includes the following: V. E. Hoven, commander, and privates Clyde Brotherton, Max Dudley, Dale Campbell, Everett Gillis, Harold Gibbons, Archie McIntyre, Lawrence Sharp, George Winslip, John Wall, Earl King, Leo Judy, Ross Payne, Rex Payne, Floyd Payne and Edmond Walker.

The company, which was organized some weeks ago by Mr. Hoven, pastor of the Christian church, has been drilling in strict conformity with the United States army manual and rigid military discipline has been observed.

The result is the boys have gained considerable knowledge in military tactics and the present camping trip has been anticipated with much pleasure. Camp will be broken tomorrow. Armed with air guns and a generous supply of fishing tackle, the boys are having a splendid time.

PASSED A WORTHLESS DRAFT

Thomas A. Purdy Arrested on Charge at Seattle.

Thomas A. Purdy, eldest son of Samuel P. Purdy, who for many years resided near this city has been arrested in Seattle for passing a worthless draft.

Since leaving this city, young Purdy has been in the employ of the Studebaker Co., until recently made regular stops here, Peabody & Chamberlain, implement dealers, being customers of his company. With his wife and young son, Purdy made his home in Portland, but it is reported that the home was broken up some months ago when wife and husband separated. The following is taken from the Portland Journal:

Thomas A. Purdy, formerly a traveling man of this city, has been taken in custody at Seattle on a charge of passing a worthless draft. W. G. King, manager of the Hotel Butler at Seattle, brought the charges against Purdy, and he was arrested there August 20. He passed a draft for \$40 drawn on the Pendleton Savings bank of Pendleton, Oregon.

Purdy has not had a steady position since leaving the employ of the local branch of an eastern implement house. It is said there are two women who claim to be his wife, one of whom lives at the Hotel Eaton in this city and the other at Weston, Oregon. Others also hold worthless checks passed by Purdy, including the landlady of the Hotel Eaton and Mr. Kincaid, manager of the Studebaker branch Seattle. It is asserted that worthless checks are held in Walla Walla, Portland, Spokane and Seattle amounting to about \$600 all passed by Purdy during the last few months.

SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER SIXTEENTH

EXCELLENT CORPS OF TEACHERS AND BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR A PROFITABLE YEAR'S SCHOOL WORK.

The Athena High School will open Monday, September 16 according to a decision made by the school board at a meeting held Saturday evening. Miss Lulu Keller, elected to a position in the school resigned and Miss Engdahl, a highly recommended teacher was given the place. This selection makes the corps of teachers complete. The list is as follows:

Homer L. Watts, principal; James H. E. Scott, assistant principal; Miss Gibbons, Mrs. H. I. Watts, Miss Carrie Sharp and Miss Engdahl.

Pupils having books eligible to exchange should call at McBride's drug store where a complete line of school books and supplies are kept on sale.

Below is printed the full list of books as selected by the Oregon Text Book Commission:

Books offered in exchange must be in such condition that they can be used again by a pupil continuing the same study. Each book must have whole covers and leaves complete.

First is given the name of the new book adopted, next the exchange price, then the retail price and lastly the book taken in exchange:

Wheeler's Graded First Reader 10c, 25c, Cyr's First Reader.

Ditto Second Reader, 15c, 35c, Cyr's Second Reader.

Ditto Third Reader, 20c, 45c, Cyr's Third Reader.

Buehler & H. Mod. Eng. Lessons, 20c, 40c, Reed's Intro. Language or R. & K. Graded Lessons.

Buehler's Mod. Eng. Gram. 30c, 60c, R. & K. Graded Lessons or R. & K. Higher Lessons.

Smith's Primary Arith. 18c, 35c, 55c.

Wentworth's Elem. Arith. 33c, 65c, Smith's Pract. Arith., 33c, 65c, Wentworth's Pract. Arith.

Natural Intro. Geog., 27c, 54c, Frye's Elem. Geog.

Natural School Geog. 57c, \$1.13, Frye's Comp. Geog.

Krohn's First Book Hygiene, 15c, 30c, Stowell's Prim. of Health.

Krohn's Grad. Less. Phys. & H. 25c, 50c, Stowell's A Healthy Body.

Doub's History U. S., 70c, \$1.00, Thomas' Advanced U. S. or Dole's Amer. Citizen.

Educational Music Course

First Book, 15c, 30c, First Normal Music Rdr. or Com. Sch. Course Comp.

Second Book, 15c, 30c, Second Normal Part 1.

Third Book, 18c, 35c, Second Normal Part 2.

Fourth Book, 20c, 40c, Com. School Course Complete.

Fifth Book, 25c, 50c, Com. School Course Complete.

Wheeler's Graded Primer 25c, Thomas' Elem. History U. S. 60c, Cyr's Fourth Reader 50c, Cyr's Fifth Reader 60c, Reed's Word Lessons 22c.

Books in Use—No Exchange

Agriculture for Beginners 70c, Outlook Writing Books 1 to 7 5c, Outlook Copy Slips 1 to 6 5c, Outlook Practice Books A-B-C-D 5c, Empire Writing Speller 5c.

New Books—No Exchange

Prang's Drawing Books—Books 1-2-3 15c, Books 4 to 8 20c, Prang's Text-books Art Education—Books 1-2 25c, book 3 30c, books 4-5-6 45c, book 7 55c.

GOOD BANK SHOWING

First National Bank of Athena Ranks Third Financially, in This County.

Banks are regarded as an index to the financial condition of both town and community. This being the case, the report made last week by the First National Bank of Athena to the controller of the currency, shows that Athena citizens and the farmers surrounding are in a prosperous condition.

The report shows the deposits of the bank to be \$268,039.75; cash, \$115,498.53, and a surplus fund of \$30,000. This splendid showing places the local bank as ranking third financially and in volume of business transacted, with the banks of the county, the Pendleton Savings Bank, and the First National of that city alone excelling it.

The stock of the First National of Athena is largely owned by local people, solid men owning property here. This, in a great measure, in addition to the practical business methods employed by the officials is the key to the success of one of the most solid banking institutions in Eastern Oregon.

The bank is one of three National banks in Umatilla county, the others being the First National and the Commercial National, both of Pendleton.

Garden Lands Paying Well.

William Clark, who resides a short distance from Freewater, is the owner of a choice tract of garden land, consisting of 25 acres, which is making a phenomenal record in the production of vegetables, there being no fruit trees on the land, and the fact that he has recently refused a cash offer of \$16,000 for his place is substantial evidence as to its commercial value. This year Mr. Clark has five acres in onions, which he says will yield 350 sacks to the acre, and they are already contracted at \$1.50 a sack; the balance of his land is planted to potatoes, which will produce a big yield and for which he expects to realize \$1 a hundred.

Sheepmen "Not Guilty."

In behalf of nine Washington sheepmen charged with crossing the state line without first giving notice, Attorney Oscar Cain appeared Saturday morning and entered a plea of not guilty in court at Pendleton. The cases were then set for trial for the second week of the September jury session of court. The court fixed bail for each defendant at \$150. The Washington men under indictment are James Grant, John Kidd, Felix Von Hollenbeck, Sam Johnson, William Johnson, S. A. Davin, H. C. Bryson, Henry Adams and T. A. Hollenbeck.

Victim of Paralysis.

Heaton Hill is in a precarious condition as the result of a stroke of paralysis, at the home of his mother, Mrs. W. T. Hill north of town. He suffered a severe stroke Saturday, the left side being affected. Dr. Sharp is the attending physician.

DAREDEVIL SMALLEY

Came Near Burning to Death in Spectacular Performance at Meador Park.

The following account of a daredevil performance on the part of Ralph Smalley, a painter who worked in this city for some time, is taken from the Walla Walla Union:

Before the eyes of thousands of spectators, few of whom realized at the time just where "make believe" ended and tragedy began Ralph Smalley was almost burned to death at Meador Park Monday evening.

Smalley, who is a local painter, volunteered to perform the daring feat, "Slide for Life," scheduled as a part of the Labor Day program, after William Christie, a professional performer who was engaged to do the act, had refused. The slide was to be the spectacular closing scene of the entertainment. A heavy steel wire was extended from the top of a high cottonwood tree to a point across the river. The performer was clothed in asbestos, which was saturated with oil. Just as the man started to slide down the wire, the oil was lighted, the plan being to smother the flames as soon as the performer reached the earth. Carelessness, it is said, on the part of his assistants, resulted in delay in applying the wet blankets and before the fire could be extinguished Smalley was horribly burned. It is believed Smalley will recover.

The Pendleton Fair.

H. M. Cookburn of Milton has been appointed commissioner of the Pendleton Third District Fair by Governor Chamberlain. The appointment was made to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Hartman. The commissioners are doing everything possible to insure the fair's success. McElroy's California band has been secured as one of the principal attractions. A 50-foot addition is being constructed on the south side of the pavilion, which will make required room for exhibits. Everybody will congregate at the fountain September 23 to 25 inclusive.

Burglars at Work.

Burglars Tuesday night gained entrance into the warehouse of Andy Johnson's Cash grocery at Freewater by breaking a window and removing the bar. They stole four sacks of granulated sugar and it is thought some flour, after which they again closed the doors and made their departure. Nothing else was taken. The burglars were unable to gain entrance to the store building on account of the doors being locked.

Judge John Waldo Dead.

Judge John B. Waldo, formerly supreme judge of Oregon, a member of the legislature and prominent and respected citizen of Marion county, died at his home in the Waldo hills, Marion county, Monday night after

an illness of two weeks. Judge Waldo was born in the Waldo hills, on the old Waldo homestead in 1844 and has been a resident of the state of Oregon all his life. Since the expiration of his term on the supreme bench in 1884 he has resided on his farm. He was a studious, affable man and one of the leading citizens of the state.

Union County Pioneer.

Frederick Nodine, one of the noted pioneers of Union county, passed away at his home in Union at 2 o'clock Monday morning at the ripe age of 80 years and ten months, says the Union Republican. Mr. Nodine has been gradually failing for several years, and for at least three years had been totally blind. His death was the result of general debility and old age. Twenty years ago the deceased was the possessor of 5,000 acres of valuable land and many head of horses cattle and hogs. At that time he was the wealthiest man in the valley, but the financial reverses following the panic of 1893 involved him in financial difficulties from which he was unable to extricate himself, and the relentless hand of fate swept away his entire fortune, leaving him in obscurity and want in the last few years of his eventful career.

Will Teach at Fossil.

James Potter, a graduate of the Weston Normal class of 1907, has been elected teacher of history and mathematics in the Fossil, Wheeler county high school for the ensuing year. He will leave for that place in a few days.

Suit to Collect \$85.

In Justice Richard's court a suit has been filed by J. O. Garrett against Joe Bergevin to collect the sum of \$85. The complaint was filed by Messrs. Peterson, Peterson & Wilson.

MAY MAKE A CHANGE

Excuse Is Republicans in Southern States Have Too Much Influence in National Councils.

Again has agitation been revived for reducing southern representation in republican national conventions, according to a Washington dispatch. When the republican national committee meets in Washington next December, the matter will be taken up for consideration, and some recommendation may be made on the subject to the next national convention. It would require action by the convention, of course, to change the present method of apportioning the delegates.

Under the present system, each congressional district is entitled to two delegates and in addition each state is entitled to two delegates-at-large, one for each senator. Agitators for a change in the system propose that conventions shall be composed of approximately the same number of delegates they now seat, but that representation shall be based upon the republican vote cast at the last previous national election. This would greatly decrease the number of delegates for those southern states, where the republican vote is negligible and greatly increase the representation of northern states, especially such states as Pennsylvania where the republican vote is overwhelming.

Two arguments are advanced in support of the proposed change. One is that under the present system a republican voter in Georgia, for instance, has four or five times as much representation as has a republican voter in Ohio or Iowa, giving him an unfair amount of influence in the selection of candidates and the drafting of platforms. The second argument is that the proposed new system would tend to increase the republican vote, the premium of an increased number of delegates being an incentive to party workers to get out the vote.

A number of years ago Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin, then vice chairman of the republican national committee and later postmaster general, started an agitation for reduction of southern representation and the matter was taken up by the committee, but nothing came of it.

Banana Musk Melons.

Louie LaBrache brought a fine Banana musk melon to the Press office Tuesday. It was a splendid specimen, weighed 13½ pounds and that it was luscious and of delicious flavor can be attested to by the Press force. Mr. LaBrache always raises a fine crop of melons and this year his crop was excellent, but unfortunately it lay in the path of the hail storm, and was badly damaged as the result of the merciless pelting it received from falling hail stones.

Joe Fontaine Sold.

Wednesday, Joe Fontaine the standard bred trotting stallion changed ownership. He was sold by D. H. Preston to Claude Estes. Joe Fontaine is one of the best bred horses in the state, and horsemen of this section will be pleased to know that his new owner will keep him here permanently.

Mrs. Lazier of Weston and her mother were trading with Athena merchants yesterday.

THE COLONIST RATES

Thousands of Easterners Are Bound for Oregon.

LOW RATES UNTIL OCTOBER 31

Press Readers Should Mark This Article and Send Copy of Paper to Eastern Friends.

Commencing Sunday September 1, and continuing to October 31, the lowest colonist rates known to transcontinental railway service is effective. Taking advantage of these extremely low rates, every commercial body in the state is making a supreme effort to turn the flood tide of immigration which "he cheap forces will stimulate within the borders of Oregon. In many places school children have been organized into correspondence bureaus, and individuals the state over are taking special pains to interest some eastern friend or relative in the inducements put forth to bring Oregon to his notice and the opportunity offered him to come and investigate for himself, the vast resources the state has in store for the home seeker.

During these two months tons of advertising matter and all sorts of literature will flood the east, having in purpose the setting forth of Oregon's advantages, but after all of it has been read, reread and digested, the personal letter enclosing a clipping from the home paper containing the excursion rates will do more to interest relative or friend than all else.

Try it. Think of some relative or friend back there you would like to see. Write him, enclosing this article, or if you prefer come to the Press office and we will wrap your copy of the paper and mail it for you. By doing this you may have a chance to see him, for he can never come to Oregon any cheaper. And once here he will want to stay.

The Colonist Rates.

Effective September 1 to October 31st the colonist rates to Athena from important Eastern points are as follows:

Atlanta, Ga.	\$45.75
Asheville, N. C.	45.75
Baltimore, Md.	47.25
Birmingham, Ala.	43.00
Bloomington, Ill.	29.30
Bristol, Tenn.	45.35
Boston, Mass.	47.40
Buffalo, N. Y.	40.00
Cairo, Ill.	32.15
Chicago, Ill.	30.50
Cincinnati, O.	35.50
Cleveland, O.	37.25
Detroit, Mich.	36.80
Des Moines, Ia.	26.50
Elmira, N. Y.	43.30
Evansville, Ind.	32.50
Indianapolis, Ind.	33.35
Louisville, Ky.	35.50
Memphis, Tenn.	35.00
Mobile, Ala.	44.35
Montgomery, Ala.	44.35
Montreal, Que.	46.10
Nashville, Tenn.	37.50
New York, N. Y.	47.50
Oklahoma, O. T.	27.50
Peoria, Ill.	28.50
Philadelphia	47.25
Pittsburg	35.50
St. Louis, Mo.	27.50
Toronto, Ont.	39.45
Washington, D. C.	47.25

Missouri River Common Points.
Kansas City, St. Joseph, Leavenworth, Atchison, Council Bluffs, Omaha, Sioux City, St. Paul, Minneapolis, \$22.50.

IN THE GOVERNMENT SCHOOL

Col. Parsons Returns to Umatilla County From the Philippines.

Col. William Parsons has returned to Umatilla county from the Philippines, where he has been employed in the government educational service. He is still in the government's employ and has been assigned to duty at the Umatilla Indian Agency as principal of the government Indian school.

Col. Parsons came to this county in 1887 as special representative of the government and was instrumental in concluding the treaty with the Indians whereby the allotments on the reservation were made.

He was formerly a newspaper writer on Eastern metropolitan journals and after he was through with the Indian allotment business, he engaged in journalistic work in Pendleton, establishing and conducting the "Alliance Herald" a populist organ.

Leaving Pendleton, he again entered the government service, and with his family, has resided in Manila for the past five years.